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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Trani, et al.

Serial No.: 09/678,008

Filed: October 3, 2000

For: CONTAINER WITH INHERENTLY  
STABLE BASE MADE OF FLEXIBLE  
MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING IT

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) Group Art Unit: 3727

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) Examiner: J. Pascua

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated July 11, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, Claims 1-4, and Group II, Claims 5-12. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 5-12 drawn to a method of manufacturing a container, and reserve the right to further prosecute non-elected subject matter.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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